REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Objection to the specification:

  The disclosure is objected to due to informalities causing a lack of clarity and precision due to typographical errors.

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Response:

  Paragraphs [0002], [0005], [0008], [0016], and [0023] have been amended to correct informalities. No new matter has been entered through the amendments to the specification. Acceptance of the corrected specification is respectfully requested.

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2. Objection to the claims:

  Claim 13 is objected to due to informalities causing a lack of clarity and precision due to typographical errors. The phrase "datacaptured" should be rewritten as "data captured". Appropriate correction is required.

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Response:

  Claim 13 has been amended to correct the informalities. Acceptance of the amended claim 13 is respectfully requested.

20 3. Rejection of claims 1-5, 13, 14, 19, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a):

  Claims 1-5, 13, 14, 19, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Yonekura et al (WO 02/071733).

Response:

25 Independent claims 1 and 13 have been amended to overcome the claim rejections. Claim 1 now recites that the editing module of the image editing device comprises "a special effect program for adding special effects to image data".

Similarly, claim 13 now recites the step of "adding special effects to image data captured by the phone camera with the image editing device". These amendments are supported by the original claim 9 and paragraphs [0016] and [0022] of the specification of the instant application. No new matter has been added to the claims, and claim 9 has been canceled as a result of the claim amendments.

Yonekura teaches in paragraph [0080] of US Patent Application Publication 2004/0110474 that the attachment 3 contains a conversion application program for converting data. Possible conversions include converting RGB data to one of a GIF file, a JPEG file, or a PNG file. This file conversion is done so that images taken by digital camera 2 can be displayed on cellular phone terminal 4. The conversion is performed according to the requirements of the device that the cellular phone terminal 4 is in communication with, and is not manually selected or performed by a user. Yonekura states this at the end of paragraph [0080] "The conversion application programs stored in these areas 3141 to 3143 are selected according to software environments of the other end of communication. This selection is judged from the mail address of address book and URL."

Therefore, although Endo (US 6,965,403) teaches the use of control buttons and Kurashige et al (US 6,181,384) teaches processing an image, one skilled in the art would not be motivated to combine the teachings of Yonekura with that of Endo or Kurashige. Since Yonekura's format conversion is done automatically according to the software requirements of a receiving communication device, a user of Yonekura's attachment 3 has no opportunity to utilize control buttons for adding special effects to an image. Thus, one skilled in the art would not be motivated to add the teachings of either Endo or Kurashige to the teachings of Yonekura for producing the claimed invention according to the currently amended claims 1 and 13. For these reasons, the applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 13 are

patentable over the cited prior art.

Furthermore, claims 2-5, 14, 19, and 20 are dependent on claims 1 and 13, and should be allowed if their respective base claims are allowed. Reconsideration of

5   claims 1-5, 13, 14, 19, and 20 is therefore respectfully requested.

4. Rejection of claims 6, 7, 15, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

Claims 6, 7, 15, and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yonekura et al (WO 02/071733).

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Response:

Claims 6, 7, 15, and 16 are dependent on claims 1 and 13, and should be allowed if their respective base claims are allowed. Reconsideration of claims 6, 7, 15, and 16 is therefore respectfully requested.

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5. Rejection of claims 8, 11, 12, 17, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

Claims 8, 11, 12, 17, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yonekura et al (WO 02/071733) in view of Endo (US 6,965,403).

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Claims 8, 11, 12, 17, and 18 are dependent on claims 1 and 13, and should be allowed if their respective base claims are allowed. Reconsideration of claims 8, 11, 12, 17, and 18 is therefore respectfully requested.

25   6. Rejection of claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

Claims 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yonekura et al (WO 02/071733) in view of Endo (US 6,965,403), and further in view of Kurashige et al (US 6,181,384).
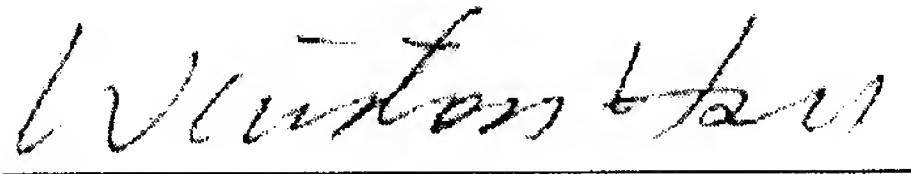
Response:

Claim 9 has been canceled, and is no longer in need of consideration. Claim 10 is dependent on claim 1, and should be allowed if claim 1 is allowed.

5 Reconsideration of claim 1 is therefore respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

10 Sincerely yours,

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